

KEITH PAYS PENALTY

Evansville Murderer Hanged at Michigan City.

Waited all Day For Pardon or Commutation Then Confessed the Details of His Crime and Went to the Gallows Singing.

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Nov. 15.—Singing "I'm Going Home to Die No More," Joseph Keith, who late tonight confessed he killed Nora Kifer, near Elberfeld, Warrick county, April 30, 1900, shot to his death through the trap of the scaffold in the chamber of the Michigan City penitentiary just after midnight.

At 12:11 o'clock this morning Keith was led from his cell to the scaffold. One minute later the trap was sprung, breaking his neck, and seven and one half minutes later the physicians pronounced the murderer had died a painless death.

Chaplain Sanders had been in the cell with Keith since 8 o'clock last evening and the doomed man unburdened himself of the load of guilt on his mind by confessing his crime. He spent his last hours on earth in praying and singing psalms.

During the day Keith had manifested much restlessness and the prison officials believed he was soon to make known the details of the horrible murder of Nora Kifer. The prisoner was apparently buoyed up with the hope that Gov. Durbin would commute his sentence to life imprisonment.

Keith to-night gave out a long and detailed confession of the murder. It was addressed to his wife and stated that he killed the girl because she threatened his domestic happiness. In endearing terms he declared that the crime was committed for his wife's sake and that he was ready to meet his death. The doomed murderer said he knew he had committed an awful crime but said he believed he would be forgiven in heaven. Keith spent the morning of his last day on earth waiting for the message that might save his neck. After his doom was sealed he spent the rest of the day in preparing his confession.

Only the four officers, Warden Reid, Deputy Warden Barnard, Dr. Hime, the prison physician, and Dr. Morrison witnessed the execution.

Merit, Not Politics.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 15.—President Roosevelt yesterday announced that in making civil appointments in the insular possessions of the United States he would adhere to the principles of the civil-service law. He declared this policy to Clinton Rodgers Woodruff of Philadelphia of the National Civil-Service Reform league. Woodruff is chairman of the committee on dependencies, and called to ascertain what the President's policy would be. President Roosevelt told him in the most emphatic manner that absolutely no appointments in the insular possessions would be dictated or controlled by political consideration.

TURN TO AMERICA

English Waterway Company Alarmed Over Poor Business.

LONDON, Nov. 15.—Impatient at the slow increase of business, the shareholders in the Manchester Ship Canal company are urging the management to wake up and hunt for tonnage, so as no longer to permit the magnificent and costly undertaking to lie almost idle. They say that if the Americans owned such a property they would not sleep until they had discovered ways of making it profitable. It is proposed as the first step that the canal company offer to guarantee 5 per cent interest on its capital to any company willing to organize a large fleet of ships for the Manchester service.

It is estimated that a capital of £5,000,000 (\$24,250,000) would suffice to set afloat 100 ships, bringing to the canal entirely new business. Even if the ship company earn nothing on its

capital, it is argued that the canal company could afford to pay interest to it out of the money received from canal dues. Officials of the company admit that the growth of business is slow, but they assert that it is satisfactory in view of the bitter opposition at Liverpool, aided by strong shipping interests. The Atlantic trade is more promising than any other. A line has just been opened from Manchester to Philadelphia and arrangements are making for a new line running to some cotton port as yet not decided upon. Superintendent Gibson has recently returned from America, where, it is believed, he has secured considerable new business.

WEAR PHONY STONES

All Germany Ablaze With Diamonds Made in America.

BERLIN, Nov. 15.—Imitation diamonds mined in America are setting Germany by the ears. Counts, barons, society queens, colonels, lieutenants, teamsters, typewriters girls, domestics and office boys are wearing them, thus giving the average street crowd a prosperous appearance completely at odds with the widespread financial distress now existing in this country. Dramatic and operatic stars are dazzling big crowds nightly with tiaras, sunbursts, and necklaces of sparkling Yankee glass. Pawnbrokers are distracted, declaring that the latest American invasion has made their business as risky as stock gambling.

After having been established in Berlin for a year the American concern which is flooding the market with imitation goods has found it necessary to open branch stores in various parts of the city. It sets the pace in newspaper advertising, consuming a page daily in the leading publications. A striking feature of these advertisements is the number of testimonials printed over the signatures of persons who are unmistakably of good position.

CAT CUTS OFF POWER

Climbs Trolley Pole, Short-Circuits the Current and Deprives a Dozen Towns of Electricity.

LOCKPORT, N. Y., Nov. 14.—A cat was the cause of a great deal of trouble to the International Traction Co. and the Niagara Falls Power company last night. Puss climbed a trolley pole on the Buffalo and Lockport Railway at Hoffman, a small hamlet west of this city, and tried to walk on the feed wire. Her tail touched the parallel wire that carried the current back to Niagara Falls.

There was a flash that could be seen for miles as the 24,000 volts of electricity passed through her body. The cat was burned to a crisp. Her lifeless body fell across both wires, and did not drop to the ground. This short-circuited the current, caused a fuse to burn out at the Niagara Falls power-house and immediately cut off the power from all the lines centering there.

It was two hours before the cause of the trouble could be located, and the charred remains of the cat removed from the wires. In the meantime almost all the electric railways and street lighting plants in western New York were without power.

NEW DISEASE AMONG CATTLE

Fatal Malady is Caused by Fungus Growth in Cornstalks.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 15.—During the last few days many reports have been received by the board of live stock commissioners regarding a new disease among cattle, which has caused many deaths. A bulletin issued by the board yesterday declares it to be the "cornstalk disease." Animals suffering with the disease become suddenly ill and die in a short time. The commissioners believe that the disease is caused by a poisonous fungus on cornstalks. The fungus of rapid development, and fields may become infested in one night. The disease is not considered contagious or infectious.

STRANGLER OF WOMEN

Strange Murders Mystify Evansville Police.

Women Found by Roadside With Neck Broken and No Clue to the Guilty Man Appears—Some Thing Two Years Ago.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 14.—Two distinct murders identical in circumstances and alike devoid of the first vestige of a clue by which the perpetrators may be apprehended baffled the police of Evansville. Two women each drawn from home under the pretense of a social evening with a mysterious man, were strangled to death and their bodies were found many hours afterward in deep ditches alongside unfrequented highways near the city. The two murders are believed to be the work of one man.

A market gardener coming into the city along the First avenue road early in the morning saw the body of a middle-aged woman lying face downward in the ditch. There were many evidences of foul play. The head bore many bruises, and around the neck were the imprints of the hand that had held the woman in a death clutch. The clothing of the upper body was mussed and torn. Later examinations showed that her neck was broken. Traces of a buggy on the road, and a sharp turn at the very spot where the body was found, prove that the woman rode to the place in company with her murderer. The police believe that she was killed in the vehicle and that her body was thrown out afterward. It is probable that her neck was broken by the fall.

After several hours fruitless search the body was identified as that of Mrs. George Bailey, 40 years old, a widow. On the night before her death Mrs. Bailey said she had an engagement to meet a man.

Lenn Renner was killed on another road leading out of Evansville in an opposite direction, at a distance of four miles from the city and about five miles from the place where Mrs. Bailey's body was found. There were no marks of violence except the print of the strangler's fingers on the throat, and body contusions resulting from a fall. The supposition is that she was taken entirely unawares, offered no resistance, died quickly and was thrown into the ditch. Miss Renner was 30 years of age and had many acquaintances among men.

Beyond a casual remark of Miss Renner to a girl friend that she had promised to go riding Monday evening with a man, nothing is known by the police upon which to found a clue.

Mrs. Mary Storeck went to her death two years ago under precisely similar circumstances. She left her home to go riding with a man and was never seen alive again by her family. Her body was found a week afterward in a ditch near the insane asylum. She had been strangled.

For Single Statehood.

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Nov. 15.—Five hundred delegates have arrived from Indian Territory towns to attend the single statehood convention here. Preparations have been made to entertain 500 more from Oklahoma. Politicians are on the fence, but business interests favor statehood with Oklahoma as quickly as possible.

RUHLIN A QUITTER

Throws Up the Sponge to the Boilermaker in Five Rounds.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.—In one of the most unsatisfactory prize fights ever witnessed in this country, James J. Jeffries proved the victor last night over Gus Ruhlin, the Akron giant. In the fifth round of what was to have been a twenty-round struggle Ruhlin wilted, and then surrendered to his peer to the utter amazement and disgust of the assembled thousands.

No one was more surprised at the outcome than Jeffries himself, who asserted that while he had delivered one telling blow in the second round, he did not ex-

pect the victory so easily. Ruhlin's sole explanation of the outcome of the fight is that he received a chance blow, which utterly disabled him, and that Jeffries persisted in fighting him low.

While Ruhlin will make no absolute charge of Jeffries having committed a foul, he intimates that he was unfairly handled and injured as a result. Ruhlin received the support of his seconds in this stand, who say that his was a hopeless case after the second round.

Ten thousand men saw the fight at the Mechanics' pavilion, which has been the scene of many a bitter and important struggle in the past.

TRADE REVIEW

The Stream of Commerce is running Bank Full with Great Prospects.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Dun's Weekly Review of Trade today says:

A few months ago injury to the corn crop aroused the fears that the railroads would be seriously handicapped by the loss of the tonnage, yet the season of grain traffic has not only failed to produce decreased earnings, but there is such a scarcity of rolling stock and motive power that numerous industries are badly demoralized. In so far as these interests are concerned the reduction in corn freight proves a blessing. Railway earnings in October were 11.3 per cent greater than last year and 21.2 per cent over 1899, while those roads reporting for the first week in November show an average gain of 9.8 per cent.

A healthy demand is reported throughout the country in all leading lines of merchandise, while sales of winter goods have attained normal proportions, and holiday business promises to surpass all records. In manufacturing there was never before such well sustained activity, with contracts running past the middle of next year. This is especially true in the case of steel rails and many other products of iron, while in building felt, footwear and most textile branches there is little prospect of idleness. Money circulates freely, making collections satisfactory in most sections. Bank exchanges at New York were 8.3 per cent larger than a year ago and 32.1 per cent over 1899, while at other leading cities the gains were 10.2 and 9.2 respectively.

PLACED UNDER MERIT SYSTEM

New Classification for Rural Free-Delivery Agents.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 14.—About 200 employees in the executive branch of the rural free-delivery service of the postoffice department will be brought into the classified service by an order of President Roosevelt which, it is understood, will be issued within a week or two. These employees are clerks, special agents, and inspectors.

The 6,000 rural free-delivery carriers throughout the country will not be brought into the classified service under the same order, but they will be taken in at some later date. Their classified status is likely to be somewhat different from that of those first included, though the form of the regulations governing them has not yet been passed upon.

Attorney Robbins Indicted.

KNOX, Ind., Nov. 16.—The Starke county grand jury has returned three indictments as follows: One against George Lightcap, for embezzlement of the funds of the county while county treasurer; one against Leonard Rennewitz, for embezzlement of township funds, while trustee of Railroad township; and one against Henry R. Robbins, charging him with falsifying to a complaint in the case filed by him for J. C. Lundin in which the latter seeks to set aside the judgment rendered against him as one of the men on Geo. Lightcap's official bond as county treasurer.

FORECAST OF MESSAGE

The Document Nearly Finished and Will be Unique in Some Respects.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 15.—President Roosevelt's first message will be a document of about 16,000 words. It will not be as long as McKinley's last message, which contained about 21,000 words, but it will be of the average length, and will be unique in that the President will not summarize the reports of the departments, but give a clear and forcible discussion of public questions from the executive's point of view. The message is practically finished, but it may be subject to many slight changes between now and the date it will be delivered to congress. The republicans who have been consulted and have read the message pronounce it an admirable state paper that will take a high place in political literature.

The President's position on reciprocity and tariff has been pretty well outlined in the press. He will call attention to the treaties now before the senate and will recommend legislative action looking toward the establishment of reciprocal commercial relations with other countries on a protection basis. The question will be left to congress, and there will be some discussion of the whole tariff question. The protection leaders are impressed with the demand for some action by congress looking toward reciprocity, and they are inclined toward the system of maximum and minimum schedules.

In a general way it may be said that the recommendations of the message will be in line with the republican platform, and not more radical than would have been those of President McKinley, had he lived. There will be a discussion of the trusts, but it will be dignified and conservative, in line with the recommendations of Harrison and McKinley on the same subject. There will be a discussion of interstate commerce and the need for making the law regulating such traffic effective. The Chinese exclusion law will be touched upon with the recommendation that the law will be extended.

The president will recommend tariff concessions or reciprocal relations with Cuba, pointing out the moral obligation resting on this nation to help the people to peace and prosperity under the new government.

The president will follow the republican platform in recommending some aid for the merchant marine, but he will not advocate any particular plan.

There will be some discussion of the plans for civil government in the Philippines, and yet there is a feeling among the president's advisers that the islands are not ready for civil government, and that the military power will have to remain there for some time to come.

In the general discussion of governmental principles the president will speak clearly his views on the Monroe doctrine, and the wisdom of having a navy that will be an illustration to the world of the power of this government to protect itself and its principles.

An Indiana Girl.

ELWOOD, Ind., Nov. 14.—Miss Floy Gilmore, the young attorney, who left this city three months ago to engage in law practice in the Philippines, writes that she has arrived safely and is delighted with the country. She has opened a law office in Manila.

Prominent Farmer Killed.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 15.—Tilghman H. Anderson, the well known breeder of ponies and Hereford cattle, met death yesterday in a peculiar and tragic manner. He was at one of his farms, and engaged in repairing an old well, having let himself down nearly twenty feet. He was at work on the brick when suddenly the entire wall above him caved in, carrying him to the bottom thirty feet below, where he lies buried under twenty feet of earth. The walls are still caving on the least disturbance, and the body cannot be recovered without great labor.

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Dated at Plymouth, Ind., this 13th day of November, 1901.

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of the Marshall circuit court, made in the case of *Marshall vs. Sallie Deemer et al.*, numbered 174, at the October term 1901, the undersigned commissioner will offer for sale at private sale at the law office of Wm. B. Hess, in the city of Plymouth, Marshall county, Ind., on the second day of December, 1901, between the hours of 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the following described real estate in Marshall county, Ind., to wit: The northwest quarter of the northeast quarter and fourteenth and fifteenth acres of the east side of that part of the said northeast quarter that lies north of the New York, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad, all of said described real estate is in Section 17; township 35 N., range 3 E.; also lots 47 and 48 in Rhodes addition to the town of Ayres. Said sale will be continued from day to day at the same place and between the same hours until all of said described real estate is sold in case it is not all sold on said second day of December 1901.

Terms of sale: One-third cash in hand; the residue in equal payments of 12 and 24 months from date of sale with notes at 6 per cent interest and reasonable attorneys fees waived valuation and appraisement fees and secured by a mortgage upon the real estate sold.

Wm. B. HESS, Commissioner.